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INCREASED COST IN PUBLISHING BUSINESS

REFLECTING the increased cost of everything connected with the printing and publishing business, O. D. Gray in his Sturgeon Leader editorially says: "The Ledger has said many times in the last six months that all newspaper publishers would be compelled to raise their subscription and advertising rates, and yet they have not the backbone to do what they must do."

"When goods cost them more merchants do not hesitate to advance prices. When the market on chickens is worth more the farmer puts up his price."

"The paper and ink and type manufacturers have advanced their prices and yet the country editor sits still and takes what the public will give him for what he has to sell. Why don't he stiffen up his nerve and charge a fair price for what he has to sell?"

Along the same line, Henry Childers in his Troy, Mo., Free Press adds the following: "The publishers of this country are facing a serious situation in the matter of the supply of white paper on which to print their newspapers. We had a notice, on Monday last, from the wholesale house from which we have bought for years, of an increase of 40 per cent in price. A stock of paper which formerly cost us \$1200 would now cost us \$1680. Worse than price, however, is the statement by the wholesalers that they cannot promise to fill our orders. We have enough paper on hand to last us until about June 1st, but cannot tell what will happen then. If we run out of paper then and cannot get any more we would simply have to discontinue publication until the market provided stock. We hope no such contingency will arise. One thing is certain and that is, we shall have to raise prices in order to meet increased costs."

THE election of Mrs. C. C. Hammond to the presidency of the Federated clubs to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Mrs. J. E. Durkin, will not only meet with the approval of the women of Mexico but the citizenship in general. There is no more important position in the community life of this city than president of this splendid organization and there is no one more capable of acting as executive for the clubs than Mrs. Hammond. Mrs. Durkin who will leave Mexico shortly, had a splendid administration and is one of our brightest and most efficient citizens. Mrs. Hammond is a business woman especially capable and will lead the great work of the clubs most satisfactorily.

IT is not good form to speak well of the United States army or navy. But at the risk of transgressing the proprieties we may be permitted to refer with becoming humility to a recent performance of American troops in Mexico. On March 24, with 208 men of the Eleventh Cavalry, Major Howe cut loose from all communications. On an issue of five days' rations the column marched in twenty-one days 571 miles only 106 miles less than the distance from Paris to Berlin. The country through which they passed is a desert waste. It afforded no fodder, and only at long intervals water for the horses. There were no roads; at best only rough untraveled mountain trails. During the entire march they were beyond reach of relief. They fought several engagements and had only one man killed. There may be cavalrymen in the armies of Europe capable of equalling the feat, but we doubt it.

O. D. GRAY editor of the Sturgeon Leader has charge of Col. Fred D. Gardner's headquarters at the Laclede Hotel in St. Louis. Mr. Gray is a hustler, and will do efficient work for Col. Gardner in his race for Governor.

"Why Swear, Dear? Use 'Gots-It' for Corns!"

If the New Plan, Simple, Sure and Safe, Applied in a Few Seconds.

"Why, John, I never knew you to use such language! You told me several times it's no use to try those bandages, salves, tapes, plasters, and all that sort of thing."

"You wouldn't see your tender, John, if you don't get 'Gots-It' for these corns!"

Now for Summer Shoes

There is a pleasure in discarding heavy footwear and getting into trim slippers and pumps.



\$7.00

21 Years of Successful Shoe Business Tells the Story.

WILKINS & BROWN

A Rural Pastorless Church Has Wielded Great Power for Good

Union Chapel Presbyterian Organization Southeast of Mexico—Inventively Called "Seed Tick"—Organized in 1871—A Full List of Those Who Have Been Members.

This church, at first called Harmony, later Union Chapel, and reverently, thoroughly popularly styled "Seed Tick," was organized by Rev. Charles Fackler on the 27th of July, 1871. There were 14 charter members whose names are as follows:

Mr. and Mrs. William Dismann, Obadiah Dismann and wife, Rebecca Dismann, W. H. Byrns and wife, Narcissa Byrns, W. C. Hamilton and wife, Jane Hamilton, John W. McKee and wife, C. McKee, Mrs. Mary Evans, Miss Beattie McKee, Miss S. B. Dismann and Hugh Williams.

A covenant was entered into binding the members of the organization to maintain the doctrine and form of government of the Presbyterian church.

On the same day three elders and two deacons were elected; namely: Wm. Dismann, W. C. Hamilton and J. W. McKee, elders, and Obadiah Dismann, and Hugh Williams, deacons.

The other elders who have served this church are John Dismann, R. Caldwell, J. S. Thomas and Hugh Williams. The deacons, Mr. Pittzer and John Dismann.

There has been a Sunday School maintained almost from the start jointly with the Baptist brethren. The church building is owned in common with the Baptists, which accounts for the name Union Chapel—in this instance an appropriate title for the most complete harmony exists between the two bodies.

The records show 73 meetings of session, the most of which were for the reception of members. J. S. Thomas served as clerk of Session from 1885 until his death last winter—his signature appearing on the records as clerk sixty-six times. This brother was universally respected and beloved on account of his sterling qualities and his genuine, unfeigned piety. It is said of him by those who are conversant with the facts, that he read his Bible through again and again and that he never failed to hold family prayers morning and evening, up to the time of his last illness.

Brother Hugh Williams was another faithful member and useful officer. He could be depended on to represent his Session in Presbytery and for many years he was a familiar figure in the meetings of that body. He was a great sufferer and much handicapped in service for the church by a distressing malady, but his interest in the church never declined.

Brother R. Caldwell is the sole remaining elder. He is well on in the eighties but remains the only bond to the church together. W. C. Hamilton, in the course of time, took membership with the Benton city church which he served with his customary faithfulness until the end.

Brothers John W. McKee and Obadiah Dismann were good and faithful officers-brothers in their day. They have since passed on to their reward.

The ministers who have served this church are W. W. Robinson, who was supply for a short time, H. P. S. Willis, a long list of college students, Hines, Alexander, Rev. Drake, etc. Also Dr. A. Wallace, Dr. Cowan, Dr. Gordon, and others who by pastors have frequently visited the congregation, holding meetings and preaching the gospel.

Union Chapel has been almost a pastorless church the entire time of its existence. In fact it never had a regularly installed pastor nor was it ever supplied with it long enough to save the necessary expense and cultivate the soil. Meeting after meeting has been held and there have been some gatherings, but there has been no preacher to abide with the flock and train and instruct and cause the church to grow in numbers and in service.

The following is a list of those who have been members:

Hugh Williams, Mrs. Staples, R. Caldwell, Mrs. Caldwell, J. S. Thomas, Martha D. Cram, Mary J. Byrns, P. H. Cram, John Dismann, Annie Dismann, Rebecca Caldwell, Lizzie Morris, Maria McClure, Maggie Sanford, Alice Byrns, Emma Byrns, William Underwood, L. Underwood, Ollie Underwood, Bud Caldwell, Wilson Thomas, Gertrude Thomas, Yeamann Byrns, Mr. Harlow, Thomas Harlow, Tillie Harlow, William Byrns, Mrs. Byrns, Frank Byrns, Gentry Kirkridge, Mr. Pittzer, Mrs. Pittzer, Mrs. Byrns, Mrs. Pittzer, Della Pittzer, Sadie Byrns, Mr. Walker, Jas. Walker, Mr. Gray, Mrs. Green, Emma Green, Jas. Green, Mrs. Green, Arthur McDonald, Anna McDonald, Mr. Britt, Joseph Byrns, Mrs. Byrns, Clarence Byrns, Mrs. Collins, Mrs. Dismann, Lottie Staples, Mrs. Williams, William Williams, A. Kinlaw, T. Staples, Mrs. Staples, Nancy Thomas, W. D. Thomas, M. K. D. Thomas, May J. Byrns, Mrs. Wm. Freeman, P. H. Cram, Alphonse Dismann, Mr. Hudson.

Although the membership of Union Chapel has never been large yet its influence has been excellent in the community, and the church has sent forth to other congregations many of its members to cast the weight of their character and influence on the side of faith and godly living.

ARTHUR BRISBANE, editor of the New York Journal, in a splendid address delivered Journalism Week in Columbia said: "The small country newspaper, the real police force of the United States and by far the most important agency of good government in the United States."

THE sudden death of Mrs. F. M. Rapadale, the wife of one of Mexico's most successful merchants, was a great shock to this community. The Ledger joins our people generally in extending sincere sympathy to the bereaved family.

10, 20 AND 30 YEARS AGO THIS WEEK

30 YEARS AGO

The Patton Enterprise claimed the Ledger as the most reliable paper in Audrain county.

J. N. Baskett, county surveyor and city engineer, in two days surveyed 1250 acres in one lot and laid off two separate 50 acre tracts.

Corn was selling at \$2.50 a barrel. Mrs. M. J. Harding was in St. Louis buying her spring stock of millinery goods.

Mary Gertrude Hamill, wife of Prof. H. Hamill, died. She was 35 years of age and was a skilled music teacher.

Forty-six boarders were registered at the Ring.

30 YEARS AGO

J. Franklin went to Kansas City on a prospecting tour.

Walker Hagdale and Tom Bell joined the Cols Circus Co. band.

S. S. Thomas of Shelby county, and Miss Paula Thomas of Pike county were married in Mexico.

The Linton District Medical Society met in Mexico. The officers were: President, Dr. J. E. Harris, Auxiliary: Vice-Pres., Dr. W. T. Lamson, Secretary: Second Vice-Pres., Dr. E. N. Gentry, Harrisburg; Secretary, Dr. E. S. Cave, Mexico; Treasurer, Dr. W. Moss, Columbia. The following were on the program: Dr. T. J. Baskett, Dr. P. French, Dr. M. D. Lewis, Dr. J. S. Pearson, Dr. S. M. Russell, Dr. James Hamilton, Dr. J. D. Jones, Dr. George Gordon, Dr. W. T. Lenoir, Dr. W. T. Lemon.

30 YEARS AGO

Annie, the three-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Kelley Quisenberry, came near being drowned by falling in a well.

O. G. Willard was seriously ill. Roy Key was home from St. Louis where he had an operation performed on his leg.

Miss Willie Woodward, formerly of this city, was principal of the Carney school in Kansas City.

A. L. Powell was acting agent at the Union Station in this city during the absence of E. S. Wilson.

Walter Squires and Miss Flora Wales were married in this city.

S. S. Edwards formerly of Mexico was with the Finley & Hill Clothing Co. of St. Louis.

10 YEARS AGO

Clarence A. Barnes suggested that the proposed new High School be named McMillan High School in memory of the late D. A. McMillan.

Miss Nellie Robinson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Robinson of this city received a splendid offer from Charles Frohman to take a prominent part in the production of "The Lion and the Mouse."

Many citizens were happy to receive letters from friends in the earthquake and fire ridden San Francisco.

S. N. Phillips moved into their new clothing and shoe store on the West side of the square.

The new Chicago & Alton Station on Jefferson St. was completed.

The Elks second annual Charity Minstrel was given to a large audience on two evenings.

The Mexico citizens had raised \$36, 147.50 of the \$40,000 necessary to get the Brown Shoe Co. to establish a factory here.

Mr. Baller was given the contract to build the new fire engine house. B. A. Powell was given the contract to pave ten blocks of east Monroe street.

William Kemper purchased from the Tomlinson heirs the buildings occupied by the Crown Laundry Co. and the Variety Store.

The juniors in the High School entertained the seniors and faculty at the Eagles room.

MEXICO, MO., MAY 6, 1918—I HAVE USED MANY KINDS OF STOCK POWDERS, FIRST AND LAST, BUT GUTHRIE'S STOCK TONIC IN MY OPINION IS THE BEST MADE—S. C. GROVES.

J. Y. McLean is here from Colorado shaking hands with friends, and says he is delighted with the many improvements that have taken place in Mexico.

"I DON'T SUFFER ANY MORE"

"Feel Like a New Person," says Mrs. Hamilton.

New Castle, Ind.—"From the time I was eleven years old until I was seventeen I suffered each month so I had to be in bed. I had headache, backache and such pains I would cry every month. I did not know what it was to be a woman. My health was all run down and the doctors did not do me any good. A neighbor told my mother about Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound and I took it, and now I feel like a new person. I don't suffer any more and I am regular every month."—Mrs. HAZEL HAMILTON, 222 South 15th St.

LEWIS BOYS WANTED FOR MURDER SEEN NEAR HERE?

Practically identifying the men who stopped at the Cook Groves farm, southwest of this city Monday, for a half gallon of lubricating oil to use in the automobile they were driving, a hired hand on the place claims they were the Lewis boys wanted in St. Louis for the murders of Patrolman Dillan and McKenna, April 7. The hand's name is Burney Sellers.

This hand saw the men the afternoon of the day they were here and stole \$1000 worth of copper wire from the local electric line. When news reached this city that the visitors Monday were suspected of being fugitives Constable J. A. Brown sent a photograph of the murderers to Mr. Groves' farm and the man said they were the same men.

The St. Louis police have been dragging the country in search of these men. Judge Groves says his man may be wrong though he recognized the photograph of the men wanted. Unfortunately the number of the machine they were driving was not secured.

Mexico More Like New York

Mexico, Mo., April 19, 1918

Editor Vandalla Mail:

The writer left your growing little city in the fall of 1913 and re-located at his old home town of Mexico. Now in 1918 let me pen down a few items in the way of reminiscences that spring up in my mind at the age of 68. There are many things that are here, to be admired, in a city approaching 10,000; but at this time we are unlike your enterprising little city of 2000. In this, people up here are nearly as sociable and friendly one to another as they are in your place. Bob White, of the Ledger has moulded a sentiment up here that really makes Mexico "more like New York." In some respects, I believe he has succeeded, because of the fact that (aside from a number of sociable clubs) that meet almost daily a man up here scarcely knows his down story neighbor, to say nothing of strangers who venture in. I often wonder why it is, that reciprocity is not more recognized outside of a few, that belong to a class; but I go back and reflect that the old Divine, sooner or later, takes a hand in events, the result of which, your good readers must know. As to the writer's views on the start when on Kistler's triple, J. O. Roberts' "ham on balls, and Egan's double Mexico scored two earned runs in the first inning.

Centralia had a splendid aggregation and the support that makes a winning ball club. They have an air tight in-field and hard hitting outfield but support like Lancaster got in the pinches yesterday will whip them every time.

In the fifth inning Centralia tied up the score and forged ahead. This round he allowed two bases on balls and one was hit through short as Egan was pulled out of position to cover second. Then Mulvaney, the hard hitting right fielder for Centralia, brought two runs across with a single to right.

Ryan, pitcher for Centralia, proved easy for Mexico in the sixth and on three hits Mexico took the lead 4 to 3. Centralia again tied it up in the eighth, but in the ninth the Athletics made four hits and two runs.

Next Sunday Mexico plays Paris at Paris. If the roads are good Mexico should be well represented and watch our boys take the lead in the Central Missouri League race.

Centralia, ab r h po e
Beers, rf. 3 0 1 0 0
Unland, 3rd. 3 1 1 0 1
Mulvey, lf. 3 1 2 0 0
Klumman, 1st. 4 0 1 7 1
Evans, 2nd. 5 0 0 2 0
Friglit, ss. 4 0 0 2 1
Bibbman, cf. 3 1 0 5 0
O'Brien, c. 4 1 1 2 0
Ryan, p. 4 0 0 9 0
31 4 6 27 15 1

Advise Road Sample for Saline

Jefferson City, May 5.—In order to stimulate interest in another road bond issue, State Highway Commissioner Frank W. Buffum will make a proposition to Saline County to build a sample mile or two of stone highway near Wannamaker, which is close to the Saline-Pettis line, and where there are quarries convenient for obtaining material.

WOOL WANTED! At highest market price.

Sam Morris

MEXICO BARBER TAKEN FOR THE BANK ROBBER

A Mexico barber, who went to the country last Sunday for a quiet day, had a harrowing experience as a result of a sudden shower and his being mistaken for Harry McIntosh, who recently escaped after the attempted robbery of the Mexico Savings Bank.

He was walking toward this city dodging under trees and convenient hedges to escape the April showers which were punctuating the day so unpleasantly. Finally under an unusually heavy downpour he decided to take shelter at a farm house. He opened the gate and turned to advance toward the house. Standing in the doorway, a shotgun in his shoulder, stood the property owner who warned the half dressed intruder to leave or he would fire.

Referring to get wet rather than shot he started again toward Mexico using the trees and hedges again as shelter. Shortly he saw a motor car approaching. The car rushed past him and then stopped. He discovered it contained officers from Mexico who had their guns drawn and when they saw him hiding under a tree thought he was preparing to resist arrest. They had received a telephone message that the bank robber was on the road.

Explanations followed and he returned to Mexico in the machine—a far pleasanter trip than he was having even with his exciting premises.

It seems his efforts to escape the rain with the aid of the trees and hedges had led the farmer to believe he was trying to keep hidden from prying eyes.

Chas. Pleg, organist at the Orpheum, is enjoying a vacation. Miss Edna Armstrong and Miss Victoria Brooks will have charge of the music during his absence.

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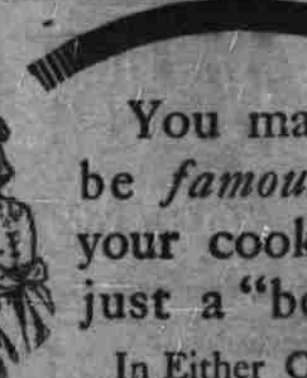
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